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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JACQUES GRANGER et al

PCT

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For: COMPOSITE SEALING CAP

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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 29, 2002, alleging that Applicant failed to respond to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements in a timely manner.

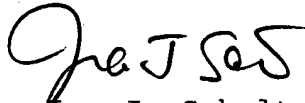
The attached Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed on November 15, 2001. However, on October 30, 2001, Applicants submitted the enclosed Letter and declaration, identifying the application by the U.S. serial number and filing date. The declaration submitted was specifically for use with applications in which an application data sheet was filed, providing the inventor information and identifying the earlier filed PCT application.

On December 3, 2001, the attached Response to Notification of Missing Requirements was filed, providing a copy of the earlier filed Letter and declaration.

Accordingly, a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements was filed in a timely manner, and in fact, the inventors' declaration was filed prior to issuance of the Notification of Missing Requirements.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ira J. Schultz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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